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No Surgery Is Needed Now

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LONG BEACH Calif, Sept. 27—Two surgeons conducted routine diagnostic examinations of former President Nixon but decided that no surgery or other change of treatment is necessary at this time, it was announced today.

The surgeons joined Mr. Nixon's personal physician in the continued monitoring of the phlebitis condition that has kept him hospitalized since Monday.

Dr. John C. Lungren, Mr. Nixon's physician, issued a statement today at Memorial Medical Center of Long Beach which said, "Former President Nixon is responding satisfactorily to treatment. The blood-thinning process [anti-coagulation drug therapy] is proceeding in an orderly fashion.

"He was seen in routine vascular surgical consultation by Dr. Seibert Pearson, an associate clinical professor of surgery at the UCLA School of Medicine, and Dr. Eldon Hickman, assistant clinical professor of surgery at UCLA. Both are on the Memorial Medical staff.

"Following consultation, it was our combined opinion that there was no indication for any change in the current course of therapy.

None of the doctors could be reached for additional comments.

Hospital spokeswoman Karen Krantz also issued a bulletin that said, "Mrs. Nixon continues to visit former President Nixon daily and he continues to stay in phone contact with his daughters and other friends and well-wishers."

On Wednesday Dr. Lungren described the clot as being "about" the size of a dime. Today, however, Miss Krantz said it was her "understanding" that Dr. Lungren had meant to say that the size of the damaged—or infarcted—lung area was about the size of a dime. The clot itself was of a smaller size, located within the infarcted area, she said.